

Memo from
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To: Dr Sammet

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I more than sympathize - albeit
am disappointed (my hopes were
excited by your footnote in the
ACM 25' anniv. volume

What I am looking for is
more background on the history
and "sociology" of the BABEL
phenomenon: the factors that
modulate the differentiation of
languages as a matter of historical
fact; and the evaluation of the
"functional utility". (As a geneticist
I tend to have a speciation model - but
not all the ecological niches ought
to be so well isolated.) Do you have
any further bibliography?



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